

WEATHER.
Fair tonight and probably tomorrow;
not much change in temperature; light
southerly winds.
Temperatures for the past twenty-
four hours—Highest, 84, at 2 p.m. today;
lowest, 74, at 6 a.m. today.
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ONE CENT.

THREATS TO HARM BIG LOAN SEEKERS RECEIVED BY MAIL

Foreign Financiers Here to Ar-
range Billion Dollar Credit
Closely Guarded.

PRO-GERMAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST LOAN BLAMED

Members of Commission Not An-
nouncing Plans in Advance Nor
Appearing on Street Together.

CONSIDERED ORGANIZED PLOT

Wholesale Withdrawals of Funds
From German-American Deposito-
ries Planned if Banks Par-
ticipate in Loan.

NEW YORK, September 15.

The pro-German campaign
against the flotation of a billion-
dollar credit loan in the United
States to Great Britain and
France appeared today to assume
the proportions of a country-wide
plot, threatening even the per-
sonal safety of the six members of
the Anglo-French financial com-
mission.

Members of this commission, of
which Lord Reading, lord chief
justice of England, is chairman,
have doubled their bodyguards, it
became known today. They
have been requested by the police
of New York not to announce in
advance their plans for any day
and in no instance appear on the
streets without detectives guard-
ing them.

More than fifty threatening
letters have been received by the
commission. Their contents run
the scale from abuse to threats
against the lives of the commis-
sion. Some of the most threaten-
ing of these letters have been
turned over to the police for in-
vestigation, it is said, and New
York city detectives are now re-
ported to be engaged in seeking
the writers.

Guarded by Detectives.

Largely upon advice of the police
the commissioners do not visit the
streets in a body or even in couples.
Each commissioner travels through
the streets of New York unaccompanied
by any other commissioner. At least
one detective is at the heels of each
of their talks with the commissioners,
and in some cases, it is said,
there are several.

Whether this active opposition is
sporadic in its nature or organized
is not known. Bankers and other callers
at the headquarters of the commission
have expressed the view, gleaned from
their talks with the commissioners,
that the opinion of the commissioners
themselves is that it is of an organized
nature.

Organized Withdrawals Planned.

In the case of savings banks, the
commission heard, organized with-
drawals of funds approaching the mag-
nitude of runs on the banks were con-
templated. Basil Blackett, secretary
of the commission, in his talk today with
Reuters' correspondent at Copenhagen,
touch upon this subject, but confine his
remarks to the general situation. He
was of the opinion that any loan to
be placed here should be open to
participation of the entire public, pro-
German and pro-ally alike in sentiment.
From another source it was learned
that invitations had not been sent to
certain large pro-German banks be-
cause the commission was somewhat
doubtful still as to the attitude of
bankers would care to take part in
floating the loan. It was understood
that such invitations would be forth-
coming if the commission could be as-
sured of the sincerity of the pro-
German bankers in allowing it to become
known that they would welcome an
invitation to come in.

PRIZE OF A SUBMARINE.

Norwegian Steamer Seized and Taken Into German Port.

CHRISTIANIA, September 14, via
London, September 15.—A German sub-
marine operating along the Norwegian
coast seized the timber steamer Ran-
dolf Hansen, from Arendal, Norway,
for England, and took her to Germany
as a prize. The same submarine set
fire to the schooner Wansbeck, also
bound from a Norwegian port for En-
gland, after placing the schooner's crew
on board a Norwegian sailing vessel.
LONDON, September 15.—The de-
struction of another naval vessel by a
German submarine is reported by
Reuters' correspondent at Copenhagen.
According to his dispatch, the motor
schooner Norte of Christiania was
blown up near the Narvik off the Nor-
wegian coast in the North sea. The
crew was saved.

Pope Appeals to the Porte.

ROME, via Paris, September 15.—
When Pope Benedict received reports
that there had been a massacre of
Armenians by the Turks, he issued the
Nuncio, he instructed Mgr. Dolci, the
apostolic delegate to Constantinople,
to intervene with the Porte to put a
stop to the ill-treatment of Armenians.

STATUS OF ARABIC CASE UNCHANGED

German Ambassador Plans to
Leave City, Awaiting
Berlin's Reply.

SITUATION ADMITTED TO BE DEEPLY SERIOUS

United States Ready to Break Off
Diplomatic Relations Previous
to Recent Conference.

Not a single development at the State
Department today changed the status
of the Arabic case, and Count von
Bernstorff, the German ambassador,
prepared to leave the city for his sum-
mer residence at Cedarhurst, L. I., to
await further word from Berlin on the
attitude of the German government to-
ward the case in view of the testimony
that the ship was proceeding peace-
fully when torpedoed.

Nothing has been heard from Berlin
on any subject today at the State De-
partment. Secretary Lansing expressed
slight surprise that nothing had been
heard from any source as to the recall
of the Austro-Hungarian ambassador,
Dr. Dumba.

United States About Ready to Act.

A hint of the deeply serious situation
between this country and Germany be-
fore the informal conference on the
Arabic case between Secretary Lansing
and Count von Bernstorff, leaked out at
the State Department today. It was
learned that the situation was so critical
that this country was about to
break off relations, but decided to take
no step until the German government
had a chance to see all the evidence
on which the State Department and the
administration generally was pro-
ceeding.

Considerable of the danger was elimi-
nated by the frank and friendly in-
formal discussion of the case between
the ambassador and Mr. Lansing, and
the ambassador now had had the op-
portunity to communicate with his
government as to why this country be-
lieves the submarine commander could
not have made a mistake with respect
to the Arabic. With the evidence in
hand it is impossible to believe the
submarine commander thought the
Arabic was about to ram him.

The United States, therefore, wants a
disavowal of the commander's act, and
arbitration cannot be an issue for con-
sideration until the attitude of the
German government is clear. The act
itself is placed on record.

Tension Again Relieved.

However, the tension again is re-
lieved. It is predicted that an under-
standing might be reached in advance
of the writing of formal notes.

Ship Held Up by Eight Warships.

NEW YORK, September 15.—The
steamer Portland arrived here today
from Sweden and British ports after
having been held up by eight war ves-
sels on her eastward and westward
trips. The freighter sailed from San
Francisco several months ago with a
cargo of barley, beans and dried fruits
destined for Stockholm and London.
A British consular certificate providing
against interference.

Style News.

Style and fashion are
best found in the shops.
The latest in dress is now
appearing in Washing-
ton stores.

No one thing so inter-
ests people as what they
wear. Washington peo-
ple are fortunate in being
able to follow style and
fashion by actually see-
ing what is in the stores.

The stores are being
filled with new things in
every line of wear for
men and women. The
period of retrenchment
has passed and new
clothes reflect the opti-
mist.

Yesterday's Advertising

STORE NEWS
The Evening Star . . . 16,724
The 1st Newspaper . . . 4,883
The 2nd Newspaper . . . 3,613
The 3rd Newspaper . . . 1,534
Total 3 combined . . . 10,030

Follow the style and
fashion news in the ad-
vertisements in The Star
and "dress up." Be an
optimist.

CIVIC BETTERMENT PROJECTS URGED

Commissioners May Recom-
mend Appropriations, Look-
ing to Social Uplift.

SONS OF JONADAB ASK INEBRIATE HOSPITAL

Home for Feeble-Minded and New
Municipal Lodging House Ad-
vocated by Others.

Comprehensive social service legisla-
tion may be sought in the District es-
timate, preparation of which began to-
day, following the return of Commis-
sioner Newman, who has been on an
extended vacation in the Catskill
mountains.

An inebriate hospital, new municipal
lodging house and institution for the
care of feeble-minded are some of the
social needs of the community which
the Monday Evening Club, Sons of
Jonadab, Associated Charities and
other societies and individuals will ask
the Commissioners to provide for in
the estimates. Conferences on the re-
quests will be held between the Dis-
trict heads and representatives of the
organizations mentioned, it is an-
nounced.

Urge Inebriate Hospital.

There has been considerable agita-
tion for an inebriate hospital and the
project of the Commissioners asking
Congress for an initial appropriation
for the construction of such an in-
stitution is considered good. The Sons
of Jonadab today forwarded to the
Commissioners a petition urging that
the project be started without further
delay.

A particular interest in the need of an
institution for the care of feeble-
minded has been manifested by the
Monday Evening Club, which gave con-
siderable study to this subject last year.
A census of the capital's feeble-minded
population has been taken and the Dis-
trict heads will have considerable data
upon which to base an estimate, should
they decide to ask for an institution of
this character.

Would Care for Feeble-Minded.

In connection with the proposal for
an institution for the care of feeble-
minded, Dr. Percy D. Hickling, District
physician and former visiting physician
at the Washington Asylum Hospital,
today called on Commissioner Newman
and urged that every effort be made to
obtain legislation of this character. Dr.
Hickling prepared a bill on this subject
last year, but it was not introduced in
Congress.

Outside of the projects mentioned,
the Commissioners, it is fairly certain,
will include in the estimates a bill for
starting the proposed municipal hos-
pital at 14th and Upshur streets, and
continuing work on the reformatory
which adjoins the workhouse at Occo-
quan, Va. They likely will ask for a
new building which to prepare
plans for a new Calverly street bridge
across Rock creek. Whether or not
the estimates will include the War
Department budget, or a separate bill
will make provision for starting the
Great Falls water supply and power
development project has not been de-
termined.

Will Scrutinize Requests.

The Commissioners are required to
have the estimates in the hands of the
Secretary of the Treasury by October
15. Between now and that time they
will visit every section of the city and
scrutinize the requests for improve-
ments submitted by the various citi-
zens' associations. The Commissioners
will be in position to give assist-
ance to the congressional committee
which is to investigate the finan-
cial relations between the District and
United States governments.

BERLIN REPUDIATES PLOT TO WRECK U. S. FACTORIES

BERLIN, September 15, by wireless to
Sayville, N. Y.—The Overseas News
Agency says:
"German newspapers which arrived
recently in the United States contained
pamphlets advising the destruction of
American munitions factories. Such a
practice is designated officially as
slandering and dangerous. Recently this
was the work of misguided and he-
theaded private citizens who attempted
to conduct an agitation in this man-
ner. No newspaper office was respon-
sible."

U. S. CONTROLS HAITIAN PORTS.

Collector of Customs and Inspector
of Ports Appointed.

All open customs ports in Haiti now
have been taken over for United States
control, under action reported to the
State Department today. Rear Admiral
Caperton telegraphed today that the
cruiser Sacramento, with the 4th and
17th Companies of marines, left Port
au Prince at 4 o'clock yesterday morn-
ing to occupy Jamiel and Le Cayes.
Paymasters Rogers and Van Patten
accompanied the expedition, having
been ordered to take command of the
cruiser and the companies, respectively.
Admiral Caperton, under his general au-
thority for assuming control of the
customs, announced that all of the
open ports were now under United
States government control.

Will of James N. Boyd Probated.

RICHMOND, Va., September 15.—The
will of the late James N. Boyd, who
died a week ago, was probated today.
It disposes of an estate worth more
than \$2,000,000. The bulk of the estate
is left to the widow, though a small
portion is made for her seven children.
Mr. Boyd remembered his old colored
"mammy," leaving her \$200, and he
also remembered the colored woman
who was "mammy" to his children.
Mr. Boyd came to this city after the
civil war without a dollar, went to
work in a tobacco factory and pro-
ceeded.



MEXICAN PROBLEMS COME UP SATURDAY

Pan-American Conferees to
Meet in New York—U. S.
Citizens Warned.

All questions relating to the Mexican
situation will be taken up Saturday
in New York, where the next meeting
of the pan-American conference on Mexico
will be held. It had been planned to
hold the conference today, but illness
of one of the conferees prevented. At
the time of the meeting it is expected
the replies of the Villa leaders and the
note from Gen. Carranza will be dis-
cussed. It is possible that announce-
ment of a definite policy will be made.
Americans have again been warned to
leave the danger zones in Mexico, the
standing instructions to American con-
sular agents having been repeated. This,
it is explained at the State De-
partment, is made necessary because of
the lawlessness in northern Mexico.
Many cases of outrages have been re-
ported recently, and the onward march
of the Carranza army is likely to make
northern Mexico much more of a bat-
tleground than it has been.

No New Policy Foreshadowed.

When asked whether the repeated
warning to get out of danger fore-
shadowed a new and more aggressive
policy with respect to Mexico, govern-
ment officials declared that such was
not the case. They pointed out that no
conclusion as to recognition in Mexico
had been reached by this government.
Some of the Villa leaders, Roque
Gonzalez Garza, Diaz Lombardo and
Gen. Angeles, are understood to be com-
ing to Washington soon to set forth
the viewpoint of their faction.

As Seen by State Department.

A State Department summary of con-
ditions in Mexico includes the follow-
ing:
"The department is informed that
about 300 men of the command of
Gen. Carranza have been reported to
reports from Zaragoza, in the state of
Nuevo Leon, gone over to the Carranza
cause."
State Department dispatches from
Frontera today said that order had been
restored at that capital, the mutineers
are being pursued by government
forces and all Americans there are safe
and unharmed.

NINE SAILORS ARE RESCUED.

Steamer Prins Willem V Saves Men
From Torpedoed British Vessel.

NEW YORK, September 15.—The
steamer Prins Willem V, which ar-
rived today from Amsterdam by way
of South American ports and the West
Indies, early August 3 picked up a life-
boat with nine men of the crew of the
British steamer Ransae, which had
been torpedoed by a German submarine
two days previous, about 40 miles
southwest of Olusssant, France.

Eight hours after picking up the life-
boat a French cruiser held up the Prins
Willem V and took the shipwrecked
seamen into Brest.

Marketing American Coal in France.

PARIS, September 15, p.m.—Ameri-
can coal companies are marketing con-
siderable amounts of their wares in
France, where it may now be delivered
at fair profits. One company has just
placed an order for 2,000,000 tons of coal
at prices which will ultimately land it
in Paris, including all carrying charges,
at about 75 francs (\$15) a ton.
Retail prices now range from 100 to
120 francs.

HOLDS LONDON A "FORTRESS" WHICH SHOULD BE EVACUATED BY ITS CIVILIAN POPULATION

BERLIN, September 15, via London, 11:25 a.m.—Count
von Reventlow, the naval writer, replies in the Tages Zeitung
today to British criticisms of German airship raids over Lon-
don. He states that London is a fortress, and that Sir Percy
Scott, the newly appointed defender of the city from aerial
attacks, should order the civil population of London to depart.

The count asserts it is not Germany's responsibility that
the fortress of London, attacked many times, has not been
evacuated, and states that the failure of the British govern-
ment to order the people to abandon it shows "disdainful
disregard of the principles of humanity, civilization and in-
ternational law."

The airship attacks, Count von Reventlow insists, are
legal and of a purely military character, aimed at the destruc-
tion of vessels, magazines and other property serving war
purposes directly or indirectly.

Asserting that against such operations not one syllable
can be spoken, he concludes: "We hope confidently that the
saying, 'Throwing bombs on London,' will soon be as true
as the phrase, 'Carrying coals to Newcastle,' with the notable
difference, however, that in Newcastle there are coals enough,
while in London by far too few German bombs have thus far
exploded."

BRITISH WAR DEBT TO PASS SIX-BILLION-DOLLAR MARK

Asquith Tells Commons Three Million
Men Have Enlisted, and Asks an
Additional \$1,250,000,000.

LONDON, September 15, 3:26 p.m.—The seventh vote of credit
since the outbreak of the war, bringing up the total to £1,262,000,000
(\$6,310,000,000), was moved in the house of commons this after-
noon by Premier Asquith. The amount asked for today was
£250,000,000 (\$1,250,000,000).

Nearly 3,000,000 Volunteers.
The premier also announced that
nearly 3,000,000 men had enlisted. He
made this statement in reviewing the
financial and military situation, so far
as military exigencies permitted, but
his requirement necessitated in many
instances only vague references to the
trend of events.

The growing expenditures for the
war were emphasized by the premier.
He said the average daily cost from
April 1 to the end of June was £2,700,000
(\$13,500,000); from July 1 to 17,
£3,000,000; from July 18 to September
1, £2,500,000. Thus the total for this
period in round figures is £500,000,000.
There has been repaid £50,000,000 to
the Bank of England, £30,000,000 has
been loaned to foreign governments
and £25,000,000 loaned to the Dominions.

Reviewing the military situation, Mr.
Asquith stated that in France and
Belgium the position of the British
troops had been strengthened every-
where by large reinforcements of men
and munitions, and that there had been
a considerable extension of lines taken
over from the French.

In the Balkans, he continued, the
British had made substantial gains,
though they had not succeeded in dis-
lodging the Turks from the crest of
the hills. The British now hold a front
of more than twelve miles.

Praise for Russian Army.

In the east, Mr. Asquith said, the Rus-
sian army remains unbroken. He as-
serted that the superiority of the Ger-
mans was only in artillery and that
their objective was still far out of
reach.
"They succeeded in forcing back the
line of our gallant ally and taking sev-
eral fortresses," he continued, "but all
accounts show that the Russian re-
sistance is being conducted in masterly
fashion and that the Russian army is
still unbroken. The assumption of su-
preme command by the czar is the most
significant proof that could be given
of the unalterable determination, from
highest to lowest of the Russian peo-
ple."

TO SEND LEPER HERE IN AN AUTOMOBILE

Pittsburgh Director of Health
Solves Problem of Emil R.
Grable's Future.

WILL BURN CONVEYANCE AFTER REACHING THIS CITY

No Authority Granted for Afflicted
Man's Removal, Which Conse-
quently Will Be Illegal.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., September 15.—
Emil R. Grable, a former United States
soldier who contracted leprosy while serv-
ing in the Philippines, and who has been
under strict guard in a tent at the
Municipal Hospital since his appearance
here several months ago, will be returned
to Washington, D. C., in an automobile,
and after he has been turned over to the
army authorities the machine will be
burned.

This plan was announced today by Dr.
James F. Edwards, director of health, who
has been seeking to solve the problem of
Grable's future. Common carriers would
not transport Grable, and Dr. Edwards
finally decided it would be cheaper for
the city to sacrifice the cost of an au-
tomobile than to keep Grable here. Hav-
ing been honorably discharged from the
army, Grable is a ward of the govern-
ment, the authorities hold.

No Authority for Removal.

If Emil R. Grable, former leper ward
of the District, who escaped to Pitts-
burgh several weeks ago, is on his
way back to Washington, it is without
the knowledge or consent of the public
health service, and the men who may
be aiding his return here will, if
caught, face the prospect of federal
prosecution under federal public health
laws.

This statement was made this after-
noon by officials of the service who
expressed surprise over the report that
Grable was coming to Washington in
an automobile and that the machine
would be burned following his arrival
in the capital.

They stated that no authority for
Grable's deportation from Pittsburgh
to another jurisdiction had been granted
by the public health service, and that
if such deportation should be attempt-
ed it would be in violation of law.
Dr. John L. Norris, acting health officer
of the District, was as much sur-
prised as the federal officials by the re-
port and said he could not believe that
any of the authorities of the city would
be aiding in the reported depor-
tation as such an act clearly would be
in violation of federal law.

Quarantined With Early.

Grable came to Washington from St.
Louis and gave himself up to a police-
man December 10, 1914. He was im-
mediately taken in charge by the local
health official and quarantined with
John Early, the District's only other
leper ward, in the leper hospital on the
Eastern branch. There he remained un-
til August 13, when he succeeded in
making his escape. He went to Pitts-
burgh on a freight train and volun-
tarily surrendered to the authorities
there.

Pittsburgh health officials immedi-
ately communicated with the District
health office in an effort to have Grable
returned to this city, but were advised
that the deportation of a leper could
be made only in directions of the
public health service and that this
branch of the federal government has
recently found it impracticable to
transfer leper patients to any of the
government quarantine stations.

Whether or not Grable returns to
Washington, John Early, the only oc-
cupant of the leper hospital here, is apt
to be the guest of the city for some
time. The hospital is being surround-
ed with a double stockade, which is ex-
pected to prove effective against any
attempts to escape. The inner stockade
consists of a wire fence about six feet
high. This is the boundary beyond
which he has been confined since he
surrendered. The outer stockade is eight feet high
and is constructed of barbed wire
with Russian rear guards set at distances
of six feet apart.

RUSSIANS IN HARD BATTLE IN GALICIA

Severe Defeat Reported to
Have Been Inflicted on
Teutonic Allies.

LONDON, September 15, 11:47
a.m.—While Field Marshal von
Hindenburg's cavalry is astride
the Petrograd railroad, and the
Germans have made large cap-
tures of prisoners and guns in
Courland, the Russians are again
countering these efforts, not only
by checking the attempt of the
Austrians to resume the offensive
in Galicia, but by inflicting an-
other reverse on the Austro-Ger-
man forces in the same vicinity.

Peril to German Lines.

Scientians, where the German cav-
alry cut the railroad, is half way be-
tween Vilna and Dvinsk and about 400
miles from Petrograd.
The Russians assert this raid by the
Germans has formed a dangerous salient
in their line, of which their op-
ponents are likely to take advantage.
It is clear, whatever strategic move
may be involved in this advance, that
recent events indicate the near ap-
proach of the important engagement
in the Vilna region which was predicted
a fortnight ago by Gen. Polivanoff, the
minister of war.

Further along the line, the German
armies operating on both banks of the
Niemen have not yet formed a junction
and the Russians are still with-
drawing eastward.

Russian military writers are warning
the people not to expect too great de-
velopments from the Galician offensive
movement.

SENATOR BLAIR LEE BEATEN IN PRIMARY

Emerson C. Harrington Nom-
inated by Maryland Demo-
crats for Governor.

OVINGTON E. WELLER REPUBLICAN CHOICE

Ritchie and Doub Will Be Opposing
Candidates for Attorney
Generalship.

BALTIMORE, September 15.—State
Controller Emerson C. Harrington, de-
feating Blair Lee, was the democratic
nomination for governor at the state primary
yesterday. Harrington carried a large
majority of the counties and two of
the four districts of Baltimore city,
giving him a big majority in the state
convention which is to be held to ratify
the choice of the people.

Ovington E. Weller, chairman of the
state roads commission, was the re-
publican choice for the gubernatorial
nomination.
The other nominees are: State attor-
ney general, Albert C. Eithee, Balti-
more, democrat; A. A. Doub, Allegany
county, republican; state controller, H.
McKinnin, Allegany county, demo-
crat; Robert F. Dyer, Somerset county,
republican.

Predictions were being freely made
today that the democratic city leaders
will put the key into Harrington at
the general election in November, and
the chances for the election of Weller
as governor are very bright.

Convention Vote.

Harrington will have 73 votes in the
democratic convention, as follows:
Allegany, 7; Anne Arundel, 5; Balti-
more city, first district, 7; fourth dis-
trict, 7; Carroll, 4; Carroll, 5; Dorchester, 5;
Howard, 3; Queen Anne's, 3; Talbot, 4;
Washington, 6; Wicomico, 4; Worces-
ter, 4.
Baltimore city, second district, 7;
third district, 7; Cecil, 4; Charles, 3;
Garrett, 4; Kent, 3; Montgomery, 5;
Somerset, 4; St. Marys, 4; Prince
Georges, 5.
Doubtful—Frederick, 6; Harford, 4.

Republican Vote.

Weller will have 112 votes in the re-
publican convention, as follows:
Allegany, 7; Baltimore city, 25; Balti-
more county, 7; Carroll, 4; Carroll, 5;
Charles, 3; Frederick, 6; Garrett, 4;
Harford, 4; Howard, 3; Kent, 3; Mont-
gomery, 5; Prince Georges, 5; Queen
Anne's, 3; Somerset, 4; St. Marys, 4;
Talbot, 4; Washington, 6; Wicomico, 4;
Worcester, 4.

Warburton Calvert, 3; Cecil, 4;
Dorchester, 5.
Doubtful—Anne Arundel, 5.

Many personal friends of the city and
state was a sweeping victory for the
Stone and Jackson organization. The
victory was a result of the running
mate, Robert T. Dyer of Somerset county,
for state controller, was a sweeping and
decisive affair. The voters of all four
districts and every county of the
state voted for the Stone and Jackson
ticket, the home county of
William T. Warburton, the home of Gov.
Goldsbrough, Calvert, and
possibly Anne Arundel. No fight was
made in the successful district against
his opponent in the latter's own county.

Stand Behind Governor.

Gov. Goldsbrough's friends stood be-
hind the executive in Dorchester, and
Warburton was also supported by former
Representative Thomas Parra, who is re-
g